

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the abstract:

- 5      An encoding method for an optical recorder provides an optical recorder ~~with an~~  
with an encoder for encoding data received from a computer. Additionally, the optical  
recorder includes a processor for controlling operations of the encoder. The encoding  
method includes receiving data of a next mode, which is different from a current mode,  
from the computer even when the encoder is still encoding data of the current mode.

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